THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL. SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD); Guidelines have already been issued to all States|U. Ts. to open new fair price shops to provide easy physical access to consumers and to make necessary financialjphysical arrangements for the improvement of infrastructural facilities such as storage and transportation of essential commodities to fair price shops especially in rural, backward, remote and inaccessible areas. The Centra) Government ig also providing financial assistance to States|U. Ts. to strengthen their Public Distribution System under the following: schemes. '

(1) Assistance of StatesjUTs, in the North-Eastern Region and the Slates| UTs. of Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Sikkim and Andaman & Nicobar Islands for setting up Civil Supplies- Corporations and construction of godowns.

2) Assistance to States for the pur- *i* chhse of. mobile vans.

(3) Assistance to States|U. Ts. in the North-Eastern Region for, supply of iodised salt and levy sugar in small packs.,

The Central Government has also issued guidelines to all States|U. Ts. for including Public Distribution System as a new item of the Minimum Needs Programme in the 7th Plan from 1987-88 onwards.

Visit of Central Team to drought affected district of Maharashtra

2246. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:.

(a) the names of the districts in Maharashtra which were visited by the Central team during 1986 to assess the drought siuation and the need for Central assistance; and

(t) the quantum of financial assistance released by Government as drought relief?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOG-ENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The Central team visited the following districts in Maharashtra during December, 1986 to assess the drought situation and need for Central assistance: — (1) Thane, (2) Nasik, (3) Ahmednagar, (4) Pune, (5) O. manabad, (6) Jalna, (7) Buldans, (8) l. atur.

A ceiling of expenditure of Rs. 36. 27 crores including Rs. 12. 29 crores for 1987-88 has been approved for drought relief *to* the State Government.

Kudremukh Iron Ore Project

2247. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased *to* state:

(a) the quantities of iron ore produced by Kudremukh Iron Ore Project during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the steps being taken to increase the production of iron ere at Kudrerhukh; and

(c) the maftner in which the iron ore extracted there is being utilised?

TOE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): The quantity of iron ore concentrate produced at the Kudremukh Iron Ore Project during the last three years was as follows: —

Year	Production (Million tonnes)
1984-85	1·61
1985-86	1·80
1986-87	3·46

(b) The entire production of the project is for exports. A vigorous marketing drive has been launched to locate over-

seas markets for the sale of iron ore concentrate and pellets, which would result in higher production since production is lied to sales. These efforts have already started showing results as is evident from the increase in production evtry year.

(c) The iron ore extractedis benefieiate3 and the concentrate thusproduced as exported to various countries, in (he form of concentrate or peilets.

Clearance of slums in Metropolitan Cites

2248. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will lie Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any centrally . sponsored schemes presently under implementation in the four metropolitan cities to clear the slums and for resettlement of the people displaced from the slums: and

(b) if so, what progress has been made under the above schemes during the last three years and how many families have been. /benefited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The present policy of the Government emphasises on environmental improvement of slums in site rather than their clearance and relocation and under the State seetor scheme of Environments] Improvement of Urban Slums (EIUS), basic amenities are provided in the urban slums, including these in the metropolitan cities. Besides, a special assistance of. Rs. 100 Crores is to be provided to the Government of Maharashtra during the Seventh Plan for solving tne acute housing and shun problems in Bombay.

Houses requisitioned by Government

2249. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:
SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alifts* V, ARUNACHALAM:

Wil! the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 162 given in tke Rajya Sabha on 6th May, 1983 and state:

(a) whether the house of one person which was requisitioned in Delhi in 1948 and the house of one widow, Shrimati Wiranwali, 52, South Basti- I Harphool Singh, Delhi which was also requisitioned earlier by Government has since been derequisitioned and vacated for occupation by their owners;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor and by when these are likely *to* be derequisitioned and vacated'. '

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE ' MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The information-is being collected and will be laid on th; fable of *ike* Sabha.

बिहार में बोरिंग पम्पसेट घोटाले में अन्तर्ग्रस्त बैंक अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध कार्यवाही

2250. श्री अशोक नाथ वर्मा : क्या कृषि मंत्री 22 नवम्बर, 1985 को राज्य सभा में तारांकित प्रश्न 94 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सेन्ट्रल बैंक आफ इण्डिया के उन छह: अधिकारियों के नाम और पते क्या हैं जो बिहार में बोरिंग पम्पसेट घोटाले में अन्तर्ग्रस्त थे और उनके विरुद्ध कब, कहां और कानून के किस उपबन्ध के अधीन मुकदमें दायर किये गए हैं ;

(ख) इसी घोटाले में अन्तर्ग्रस्त अन्य बैंक अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध कार्यवाही ना किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) कितने अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध जांच की गई और कितने अधिकारी दोषी पाए गए हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में कृषि और सहकारिता विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र मकवाणा): (क) से (ग) केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो द्वारा दी गई सूचना के अनुसार दरभंगा जिले (बिहार)